

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Rainer BECKER et al  
Serial No.: 10/578,724  
Filed: May 20, 2006  
For: METHOD FOR QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING THE  
WIDTH OF A SOFT ZONE AREA OF A PARTIALLY  
HARDENED WORKPIECE  
Art Unit: 2862  
Examiner: Reena AURORA

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2008

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action of November 13, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments